1	2	3	4	5
10	J&K	6417	6301	116
11	Karnataka	27481	26771	710
12	Kerala	1364	1364	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	52117	50474	1643
14	Chhattisgarh	19744	18532	1212
15	Maharashtra	41095	40351	744
16	Manipur	2315	2043	272
17	Meghalaya	5782	3016	2766
18	Mizoram	707	691	16
19	Nagaland	1278	1216	62
20	Orissa	47529	37663	9866
21	Punjab	12278	12278	0
22	Rajasthan	39753	37276	2477
23	Sikkim	450	405	45
24	Tamil Nadu	15400	15400	0
25	Tripura	858	818	40
26	Uttar Pradesh	97942	57042	40900
27	Uttaranchal	15761	13131	2630
28	West Bengal	37945	31705	6240
	TOTAL (STATES)	592857	473287	119570
	TOTAL UTs	875	875	0
	ALL INDIA	593732	474162	119570*

*As per the new definition of village electrification (effective from 2004-05) total number of unelectrified villages is estimated to be around 1,25,000.

Source: Office of Registrar General

Percentage of T&D loss

†3144. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in case the percentage of loss in distribution and transmission in power sector in the country is brought down by 20

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

per cent or less than this, it would make operation of power projects profitable;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) names of States in the country where the said loss is less than 20 per cent and whether they are running on loss?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Although, as per an estimate, reduction in transmission and distribution (T&D) loss to the extent of 1 per cent may generate savings of over Rs. 700-800 crores and reduction of T&D loss by 10% may release energy equivalent to an additional capacity of 10,000-12,000 MW, the financial viability *vis-a-vis* profitability of a State Electricity Board (SEB) depends upon several other factors such as increasing average revenue realisation by improving consumer metering, billing, collection efficiency, anti-theft measures, rationalisation of tariff, franchising of distribution operation, energy auditing and accounting etc.

(c) The States of Meghalaya and Tamil Nadu have reported T&D losses less than 20 per cent during 2003-04. The T&D loss and the commercial loss of the two States during 2003-04 were as under:

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	State	T&D loss (%)	Commercial profit/loss
1	Meghalaya	16.73	64
2	Tamil Nadu	17.16	-1416

Settlement of Tehri Dam's families

3145. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tehri has been finally submerged under Bhagirathi, following closure of the Tehri Dam's tunnel;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far and progress made towards commencement of power generation; and